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MOSTLY ABOUT POLYPORI.

Though C. G. Lloyd's Mycological writings are most generally distributed to a wide circle of readers, it is probable that many patrons of the *Bulletin* do not receive all that he publishes. We therefore think it advisable to reproduce here portions as far as space permits.

NOTES FROM MYCOLOGICAL LITERATURE, VIII.

W. A. KELLERMAN.

Mr. C. G. Lloyd of Cincinnati published Letter No. 10 from Paris, July, 1906, and from this interesting and instructive communication we make the following excerpts:

"There have been about *twenty-eight hundred* polyporoids 'described,' not counting the several hundred 'synonyms' given by Fries. From the United States alone there are about five hundred 'species' recorded. Fungi are widely distributed plants. The fungi of Europe and the United States are practically the same. We do not question but the larger part of these twenty-eight hundred are synonyms, but it is a large task to find out what they are and to learn the species that are 'good.' We shall devote most of our time in the immediate future to work on the European species, for it is self-evident that as the first and most of the work has been done with European species, and as the American species are largely the same, one must first acquire a knowledge of what occurs in Europe in order to be in position to judge as to those of America.

"There has been so much changing of names lately in the Polyporii that we feel it well to state our position in this regard. The most and best systematic work on Polyporus was done by Fries. His system and names have been in general use for two generations, and are familiar to all. We therefore feel that no attempt should be made to change them excepting in very exceptional cases. It has become quite a fad lately to look up dates of synonyms and shuffle the names around on such evidence.